

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

PRIMARY meetings to-day.  
Peach trees are beginning to bloom.  
DEMOCRATIC Convention to-morrow at the Highland House.

"UNCLE TOM'S CABIN," matinee and night, to-day and to-morrow, at the Grand.

THE monthly bill of the city school teachers, who are being paid off to-day, amounts to \$51,154.

ED. HUNTER was the loser of a silver watch at the robbery of the Atlantic Billiard Hall Wednesday night.

A VALUABLE lace curtain that had been stolen from Hasselberg & Co. by a former employee was recovered yesterday.

PETER HADIT hadn't any defense this morning, and consequently had a sentence of \$50-30 for being a common thief.

MR. GUS. BENNETT, yard brakeman on the M. & C. Railroad, had his hand badly smashed while coupling cars yesterday.

The testimony taken in the Bernard Stehle drowning case last evening was insufficient for warranting a verdict of suicide.

THREE common thieves and pickpockets and three vagrants were given the hospitality of the Work-house for three months this morning.

PATROLMAN JOHN WELLES, a Mexican war veteran, and for nearly twenty years past a member of the police force of this city, died Wednesday.

MAJOR S. R. S. WEST, a gentleman well known in Southwest Ohio, died at his residence in Olive Branch, Clermont County, yesterday afternoon.

ON last Monday night the residence of Mr. Danby, No. 496 Baymiller street, was entered by thieves through a window, who secured a pocket-book containing \$150 as their booty.

ABOUT forty Cincinnatians have been subpoenaed as witnesses in the trial of Chas. E. Dimmitt for the robbery of the safe of the treasury of Clermont County which began to-day.

THE death is announced of Mr. Joseph Lavery, a brilliant graduate of St. Xavier College, who fell a victim to consumption at 5 o'clock last evening. He leaves a widow and three children.

THE building of the proposed railroad from Huntington to Portsmouth, it is feared, will divert from Cincinnati the passenger business and freight traffic of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad.

THE Hamilton Turnpike Directors will meet next Monday to decide whether or not they will allow the Board of Public Works to lay water mains on the pike from Millcreek Bridge to Blue Rock street, Cumminville.

A PETITION is in circulation among the grain dealers, asking the Common Carrier Company to adopt some plan by which the grain which the Southern Railroad brings to Cincinnati may be transferred to other tracks and to the elevators.

A SILENT ALARM of fire was sounded about 9 o'clock this morning from the Engine-house, corner of Ninth and Freeman streets. The fire was in a shavings pile in the cellar of the Cincinnati Cigar Company's building. The hose-reel went out, and the firemen soon had the flames subdued. No loss.

THE ladies of the Twenty-fifth Ward Presbyterian Church held a meeting last evening to organize a branch of the Ladies Foreign Missions. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. C. M. Livingston; Vice President, Mrs. Janet Thompson; Secretary, Mrs. C. F. Rankin; Treasurer, Miss Hortense Kingsbury; Collectors, Misses Mary F. Parker, Jennie Parvin, Fannie Cist, and Bessie Williams.

THE Labor Party.

The Third Ward Workmen nominated John McGrath for Council, also one Constable and an Assessor, last night.

The Fourteenth Ward Workmen met to-night at No. 900 Central avenue, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the spring election. The Eleventh Ward will nominate on Saturday night.

THE Orchestra Concert.

The following is the programme to be rendered at the Cincinnati Orchestra concert at Pike's Opera-house to-night:

Overture, "Gallie-Gallie".....Mazka  
Symphony, No. 3, "Eroica".....Beethoven  
a. Allegro con brio. c. Scherzo allegro vivace.  
b. Marcia Funebre. d. Finale allegro molto.  
With verdure choir.....Haydn  
Miss Maria Suggitt

Overture, "Ossian".....Gade  
a. a. Carols.....Reich  
b. a. Swedish wedding march.....Soderstrom  
c. a. Declaration.....Schumann  
d. a. Barcarole.....Schubert  
Soprano de Rossi (Sabbat Mater).....Mercadante

Jo. Emmett as "Fritz."

Mr. Joseph K. Emmett commences an engagement at the Grand Opera-house next week in his sparkling and ever-popular play, "Fritz." It has been a long while since Jo. Emmett was here. Since that time he has made a tour of the world, and his friends here read with great pleasure of his brilliant success in all the leading cities of Europe and in Asia, Africa and Australia.

He was one of the best cards on the stage when last here, and his four years of absence have so added to his laurels that we look for a regular jam next week. The sale of seats commenced this morning at Hawley's, and you can not be too prompt in selecting your nights and providing yourself with seats while good places can be had. Mr. Emmett will be supported by a very fine dramatic company, and aside from the unusual interest to see him on account of his absence, we shall have the best presentation of "Fritz" ever witnessed by our people. The business in Pittsburgh was immense.

Counterfeiters Arrested.

In the Newport column of the STAR yesterday was given an account of the arrest of a party of counterfeiters by United States detectives. For several weeks they had been on their track, and as soon as their plans were consummated they made a descent upon the haunts of these counterfeiters, and are now quite confident that they have broken up the gang.

Their first victims were Dave Bard and Edward Smith. Bard's headquarters had been in a low shanty east of Ludlow, where he pretended to carry on the business of broom-making, while in reality he was coining spurious half-dollars and quarters, but Tuesday he moved his establishment to No. 247 York street, Newport, and it was at this place that he and Smith were arrested yesterday.

Cassimer Lohr and his daughter-in-law, Louisa Lohr, who has been keeping a saloon at No. 556 Central avenue, where she said to have sold a large amount of this bogus money, were next arrested and lodged in the County Jail.

Wm. Osterdorf, who claims to be a peddler of ink, and was living at the southeast corner of Main and Woodward streets, and Emil Coppersmith, who at the time of his arrest was in Memphis, completed the gang.

## DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Long, Clements &amp; Drury's Paint Factory Burned.

About 20 minutes of 3 o'clock this morning an alarm of fire was sounded from Box 32, corner of Race and Fourth streets, soon followed by a second, which called the Fire Department to what seemed to be a very troublesome and dangerous conflagration.

The fire originated in the rear of Messrs. Long, Clements & Drury's paint manufactory, No. 171 Race street. The building is devoted to the manufacture of colors and is a wholesale store for the sale of oils, varnishes and painters' supplies in general.

The burned building, a two-story brick used for the purposes of the factory, is in the rear of the four-story stone-front, which fronts on Race. Adjoining the first named place is the stable of Sol. Langdon, the baker, and the cigar manufactory of S. Lowenthal & Co., which fronts on Fourth street, and is on the site of the old Block building, at which Chief McGree came near losing his life.

The building was in an almost inaccessible place, hemmed in by buildings on all sides, and much of the work had to be done blindly by the firemen. So dangerous, in fact, was the nature and situation of the building that a general conflagration was imminent. The factory was stored with combustibles which yielded to the fire instantly.

Workmen in Langdon's bakery noticed the flames first, and gave the alarm to Policeman Phil. Nunn, who turned in the alarm. By the time the engines arrived the flames were bursting through the roof. It seemed at first that it would be impossible to save the adjoining buildings, but the determined efforts of the gallant firemen soon conquered. The heat was intense, and the sparks fell in a continuous shower upon the neighboring roofs, which fortunately, however, were not inflammable.

After half an hour or so the flames were under control, and within an hour the bare and tottering walls inclosed nothing but a heap of slowly fading embers. The building was the property of F. Eckstein.

Mr. Eckstein values his building at about \$10,000, and has no insurance upon it.

The loss that Messrs. Long, Clements & Drury sustains has not yet been correctly ascertained. The sum will, in all probability, not reach higher than \$8,000; on their stock they have the following insurance, which will entirely cover their losses:

Western, of this city.....\$5,000  
National, of this city.....5,000  
Commercial, of this city.....5,000

The Suppression of Vice.

The Society for the Suppression of Vice is composed of some of the leading persons in this city, and the cause is one fully worthy of their efforts. The following appeal has been adopted by the Executive Committee:

AN APPEAL IN BEHALF OF HUMANITY.

The circulation and sale of obscene literature and manufactured articles for immoral purposes is a great and almost immeasurable evil prevailing in this country, which requires the most forcible means to stamp out. It is artful, sly, and cunning, and is seen and suspected in every place. It should know most of its existence. It is a systematic, extensive and profitable merchandise in books, pamphlets, pictures, drugs and instruments of the production of low and debased work, working the physical degeneration of our sons and daughters, producing moral murder.

Of its nature and extent the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice, in its report for 1877, says:

"The Society has destroyed above eight tons of vile books and more than seven tons of electrotype plates of obscene and immoral pictures. It has been arrested for participation in this traffic. Its insidious nature is one of its most dangerous features, for it seeks darkness, practices concealment, and lives only by deception. So insidious is the enemy that even wise and careful parents, who would give their lives to preserve the morals of their children, are not aware of their peril from this source. Our dear ones are too innocent and guileless to be led astray by such books and pictures; we will trust them, say the confiding father and mother."

The report of that society says: "I have found in the houses of the wealthiest and best families, in the hands of sons and daughters alike, the vilest books, pictures and articles; and in some cases the father has been deceived while in our best schools, seminaries and colleges."

On March 21st, 1878, a few gentlemen of this city, having learned of the importance of the work conducted by the New York Society, and of the fact that while to some extent the evils had been checked in the East, the West was fast becoming the place of refuge of these monsters of evil deeds, organized a society, co-operating with the one in New York.

A constitution was adopted May 1st, 1878. The first effort of the society was to procure the necessary legislation, and a suitable law was enacted by the Ohio Legislature, April 8th, 1878.

The first report of the society shows that much work has already been done by a few earnest individuals.

To increase the efficiency of this home society, at a large meeting of influential citizens held at the Grand Hotel Friday evening, February 15th, 1878, the undersigned were appointed to present an appeal on behalf of the society, and to solicit your membership or co-operation in the good work. We believe, with simply these outlines of facts before you, you are bound to sympathize with the Society morally, socially and financially.

I invite every reader of this to give prompt indication of sympathy and aid by promptly enclosing his or her name for membership, the annual dues being only \$5, addressing Lowe Emerson, Treasurer, northeast corner of Findlay and Main streets, or Wm. McAlpin, Secretary, 133 Broadway. Very respectfully,

C. H. GOULD,  
S. B. WARREN,  
M. LOTH.

CINCINNATI, March 18th, 1878.

Prisoners in the United States Court.

Yesterday Judge Swing, of the United States District and Circuit Courts, fixed the bail and set the time of trial of the following prisoners who had been before the Grand Jury:

J. H. Delfendahl, Claudius Elvers and Arnold Elvers, distillers; A. C. Johnson, embezzlement; John Henry, Francis J. and Louis Grosheim, counterfeiting; Wm. Sutton, Caleb Keating and L. D. McDaniel, passing counterfeit money; Chas. H. Jones and William Stockwell, having counterfeit money; Rudolph Bonstein, re-selling cigar boxes from which the stamp had not been removed, and David Smith, selling liquor without paying special tax.

THE Loud Case.

John H. Loud, the alleged forger of notes and bills amounting to over \$6,000, was brought into Court this morning, and his case was continued until next Thursday, bail \$2,500.

He has retained T. C. Campbell as Counsel, and asserts his innocence of any criminal act, since, as he says, he was simply acting as an agent, with no knowledge of the character of the work which Driver was engaged in, but the detectives who have been working up the case are confident that Loud knew what he was doing when he associated himself with Driver and Annie Lord.

THE American Eagle Lodge, of Ludlow, Kentucky, were the guests of Eclipse Lodge, No. 348, I. O. O. F., last night. The visit will be returned April 6th.

YOUNG GIRLS.—Our young girls do not understand the witchery of bright eyes and rosy lips, but set off their beauty by all the artificial means which lie in their power, never reflecting that by so doing they destroy their principal charm—that of innocence. The rounded cheeks, the bright eyes, the waving hair of the girl in her teens need only the simplest setting. Rich fabrics and sumptuous adorning are more for the matron, her dress gaining in ample fold and graceful sweep as she puts on the dignity of years. The seasons teach us

something here, if we go to nature for an object lesson. How different her charm from the deep, maturing summer, when the hues are decided, and the air is loaded with perfume from a thousand censurers. The school girl is only on the threshold of summer. She has not crossed it yet. Let her copy the sweet grace of the apple on her graduation day, and discard artificiality for nature.

THE LATE KING OF ITALY'S FAVORITES.—There was no civil marriage between Rosina and the late King of Italy. Hence she can have no claims whatever, since the law does not recognize religious ceremonies; and as Victor Emanuel made no will, she can only receive what the present King may choose to give her, though she is said to have amassed a great many jewels, which of course remain in her own possession.

She never was seen at any one of the courts; the hatred and scorn felt for her by the Royal family are thoroughly shared by the nation. She is a byword of contempt and detestation. To such a strength do these feelings rise that her son, young Maffio, is blackballed in any club he tries to enter, is sneered openly in the army, and is scarcely received in any society, though he has married one of the baron-enriched Larders.—[London World.]

A MADISON HOAX.—Consternation fell upon the crowds in the hotel corridors soon after midnight by a rumor that dispatches had come over the wires to the effect that President Hayes had been shot by the British Secretary of Legation; afterward, that his own private secretary, Rogers, had become suddenly insane and assaulted the President with deadly result. The stations all along the line were rapped by Superintendent Haskins, and at 3 o'clock this morning answer came from Chicago that the rumor was true. Intense excitement prevailed throughout the city in the morning, as soon as the news spread around, and newspaper and telegraph offices were besieged by eager inquirers; at those points, however, the story was believed to be a hoax, and telegraphic investigation finally proved it to be so. As near as could be ascertained, the story was started by some lunatic of a commercial drummer at Evansville, Ill., and from there telegraphed over the Northwestern States.

STEAM IN THE PINEBELLS.—The snow having failed, steam is brought into use in the Michigan pine-belt. The success which has attended the construction of the Lake George & Muskegon River Railroad, and the absence of snow, which renders hauling logs by other methods imperative, has awakened large operators to the necessity of constructing railroads, not only to reach open pine forests from streams, but to guarantee a stock of logs when nature fails to provide the required snowfall to enable them to carry on operations. Several of the largest firms in Michigan are now building cheap roads in order to reach their timber and logs, which they are unable to reach by the usual snow method.

SOCIAL "DECEPTIONS."—I heard an amusing criticism upon Washington society the other day, and without its sober lessons. A sable Chloe entering the room of her employer a few days ago delivered herself emphatically thus: "Well, ma'am, yestiddy was surely a deception day. I was out on K street, and the whole place was jammed up with carriages and people. Most everybody out there deceived. I believe that Mr. Evans must have plenty of money. He paid a man \$5 just to stand there and guard the carriage doors. He is going to give another deception to-morrow night and have fifteen hundred people at it. Well! well! what I wonder at is, what time do they 'low themselves to serve the Lord!'"—[Washington Letter.]

The humor of the German comic papers is notoriously dense. The best joke that the Berlin Wasp can make at the expense of England is this: "How practical! Seeing that he can do nothing, Israel asks at home for the credit which he has lost in the East." A cartoon in another journal represents Gortschakoff as carrying off the baby (Bessarabia), in spite of the outstretched arms and piteous face of Rumania, who murmurs, "Oh! our dear little Sissy! We shall miss her so!" "Don't cry!" replies the Chancellor; "you will, perhaps, soon meet all of you in my house!"

A MANIA FOR SCISSORING THINGS.—The Jersey City Journal tells of a lady in that city who consulted her family physician with reference to her daughter, a girl ten years of age, who has a mania of a strange character. The child's sole desire seems to be to get possession of a pair of scissors and concealing them until a safe opportunity offers to steal up stairs and cut into ribbons every article of clothing upon which she can lay her hands. In this way she has during the past month destroyed articles to the value of over a hundred dollars. It seems impossible to keep the scissors out of her reach.

"What could I do? I was famishing, and I had a wife and children with nothing to eat," said Mr. Schmitt, of New York, recovering consciousness after an attempt to drown himself. Now, this same Mr. Schmitt would doubtless have knocked down the man who had dared to say to him on the eve of his marriage, "Schmitt, O Schmitt, don't!" In fact, Mr. Schmitt would have been so indignant that he would not only have plunged into matrimony, but he would have gone and bought a \$50 dog to assist him in eating his way to the poor-house.

We still insist that Fannie Davenport's nose is just as good as anybody's. And if it were not, what of it? Did she ever talk through it? And is it necessary to have a nose in order to carry a pocket-handkerchief? Why these repeated reflections on Miss Davenport's nose? It is not an organ, and the public ought to be content to let it alone. Whatever may be said of this lady's false hair, we do not intend that her countenance shall be treated with respect.

MOBILE'S STEAMSHIP PROJECT.—The Mobile Board of Trade resolved to call a commercial convention, to meet at Mobile on the 24th day of April next, to take counsel as to opening up a line of steamers between Mobile and Central America and the West Indies. Invitations will be sent to all the commercial bodies of the West.

A correspondent writing from Micanopy, Florida, says: "The orange trees have commenced to put forth for a new crop, and if nothing happens there will be a large and very fine crop this year. The crop last year was large, and brought very good prices, considering some of them were very tart, but that does not injure the taste."

SHORT WALKING DRESSES.—It is of little use for the public at large to anathematize fashion, if the majority of women fail to see or appreciate the efforts that are made to unite fashion with good sense and good taste. For some months past walking dresses of a length to clear the ground, or, at least, not to require holding up, have been pressed upon the attention of fashionable women, we could at once relieve their entire sex from a burden which bears heavily upon strength and threatens individual life. But many of these ride in carriages, and, therefore, know nothing of the disagreeable consequences of dragging a weight of skirts upon the pavement. In France the walking dress is universally adopted, and is generally of a dark, soft woolen material cut short enough to offer no obstacle to

locomotion and requiring no effort to keep it out of dirt and debris of the streets and crossings. In this country short walking dresses are so much the necessity of those women who lead active lives, and the opportunity is now offered them of adopting the style sanctioned by the authority of the best taste, which will at once relieve them from the odium of being street-sweepers.

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The New York Hotel Gazette and Travelers' Monitor, which is considered the leading hotel and travelers' paper, says of that famous hotel, the Delavan, at Albany: "Messrs. Chas. E. Leland & Co. have in the Delavan one of the finest and best of hotels. All the nobles and distinguished people stop at the Delavan, and since the rates have been reduced to \$3, \$3.50 and \$4 per day, we believe almost every person going to Albany will sojourn at this house, as the best accommodations can be had at prices in accordance with the times."

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